



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter No. 8

3 November 2017

Dear Parents,

This week has been yet another incredibly busy one....we definitely don't like sitting still at Sacred Heart! As some of you will see, we have been re-shaping the interior of our school reception area which has been a huge success. This has enabled us to provide a safer welcoming space for visitors' and does not intrude on the rest of the school. The medical room has been relocated so that it is in the children's part of the school and is easier for them to access at lunchtimes. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this so seamlessly and to Mrs Pryke who has been behind the scenes in organising the building and re-decorating that took place over half term.

We have then been able to secure the library area so that this has become a more productive learning space. The children have already commented that they enjoy the cosy feel of this environment. We are now able to develop a prayer focus area in the library where the pupils will be able to go for some quiet reflection time. Our School Councillors have been involved in discussions and have been deciding what they would like to have in our whole school prayer area. This is work in progress and will be beneficial to all. In addition to this, we have installed some lovely display boards which we hope to populate soon with photographs, work and certificates so that we can see some of the ways in which we are living out our mission statement at Sacred Heart; 'Living, learning, and loving happily together with Christ at the centre' throughout everything we do.

The children joined a parish community Mass on Wednesday to mark the Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints. I was unable to attend but was informed that it was a lovely service and the children were very spiritual.

I know Miss McCarthy was delighted with her class who have been thinking about November as the month of Remembrance and have created some beautiful prayers. You can read Ella's thoughtful prayer at the end of this newsletter. In Mrs Stapleton's class, they have also been learning about Remembrance and have created the phrase 'In November, we remember.' The children in Year 4 have been supporting both Mrs Simpson and Mrs Stapleton's children with their RE work. This involved a visit to our church the week before half term and following the Mass on Wednesday. The Year 4 pupils were wonderful learning partners; super efforts Year 4!

We have begun to re-vamp our school newsletter and this may become something that we publish once a fortnight as opposed to weekly. We hope that it will become a way of not only informing parents but also providing a greater opportunity to celebrate what the pupils have been doing on a regular rolling programme. We would welcome your feedback on this change which we hope to do over the next week or so.

Our Fireworks extravaganza is taking place at school tomorrow evening (Saturday 4th November) and gates open at 6.30pm. I would like to thank FOSH and any other parents and friends who have been involved in preparing and helping out.

I hope you are all able to join us for this event and wish you a fun filled family time. STAY SAFE AND REMEMBER THE FIREWORK CODE!

Best wishes

Mrs Rebecca Tregear
Headteacher

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available in school for a minimum donation of 50p. There are also a range of bracelets, wrist bands, reflectors and snap bands which children can purchase. Reflectors and wrist bands are 50p, friendship bracelets and snap bands are £1. These will be sold throughout next week.

Science Day

Before half term, Sacred Heart hosted a Science Day to which children from other schools attended. The pupils enjoyed stroking the animals and said that some of them were soft and some were bumpy. Some of the children were a bit scared but they really enjoyed the day. The snake and tarantula were particular favourites!

Absences

All absences must be reported via absence line on 01923 493 040 or via School Gateway BEFORE 9.30am.

School Photos

This will be taking place next week. See below. If any parent does not wish their child to have a school photo, please let the School Office know.

Parent Consultation Mrs Leaper's Class

Rescheduled for Thursday 9 November 2pm-7.20pm. Please book via online booking system.

Dates for your diary

Nov

Sat 4 Nov Fireworks night, Gates open 6.30pm
Wed 8 Nov School Photos N/R/Y6 & siblings
Thurs 9 Nov School Photos Y1-Y5
Thurs 9 Nov Y4 Mrs Leaper Parents Evening 2pm-7.20pm
Tue 14 Nov Y6 Basketball Queens 9.30am-12noon
Wed 15 Nov Y4 Mrs Leaper Class Mass 2pm in school
Thurs 16 Nov Reception Open Morning 9am-10.30am
Tue 21 Nov Y4 Speed Stacking, Queens, 1pm-2.30pm
Sat 25 Nov Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm

Dec

Fri 1 Dec R-Y4 Flu vaccination
Mon 4 Dec Y6 School Visit (Crucial Crew)
Wed 6 Dec Y5 Singing at Bushey Luncheon Club 2pm-2.30pm
Thurs 14 Dec Carol Singing INTU 4-5pm
Fri 15 Dec Nursery children finish for Christmas
Tue 19 Dec School finish for Christmas 1.15pm

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Jan

Wed 3 Jan INSET day School Closed
Thurs 4 Jan All children back to school

A Prayer for November

Dear God,

*We remember people who have died,
maybe in the war, maybe a few years
ago.
However long ago, they will always be
in our hearts.*

*We remember people who are alive,
maybe they make us laugh, maybe
they smile at us.
However little the deed, they will
always be in our hearts.*

AMEN



Watford School of Music

Guitar Works

For Year 6 Students

Guitar Works is a one term electric guitar group project for students who want to learn the guitar basics so they can join a band.

You will learn at least 4 chords, learn strumming right hand patterns and play current pop and rock songs. All instruments will be supplied for the lessons. You will need your own guitar to play at home.

Thursdays, 4.00-5.00pm
At Watford School of Music
£41 per term
This group project will run from 9th November 2017 until 8th February 2018

For more information please call 01923 225531

Stay safe, think of others and enjoy Halloween and Fireworks night



Do

- Remember road safety and wear bright clothing while 'trick or treating'
- Keep Halloween 'tricks' safe
- Be considerate to others
- Keep your distance from fireworks
- Go to an organised fireworks display – it's the safest way to enjoy them

Don't

- Go 'trick or treating' alone and take an adult with you
- Cause damage to people's homes or property
- Handle fireworks if you're under 18
- Knock on strangers' doors
- Scare or hurt others
- Let off fireworks in a public place or anywhere between 11pm and 7am*

*Except on November 5th when the curfew is midnight and for Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when fireworks can be let off until 1am.

